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Centre for Native Education

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Looking towards the future

This is the time of year when we are all starting to think about the future. Spring is (finally) in the air and thoughts are generally turning to summer employment. For those of you who are completing your studies, graduation is fast becoming a not-so-remote possibility and permanent, sustainable employment is uppermost on your mind.

This issue of Arrowhead News takes a peak into your future by providing you with (we hope) valuable information on current job postings at the Centre for Native Education as well as important dates, upcoming activities and special events. Enjoy!

So this Indian walks into a bar...

Writing a resume or trying to update an old one? The Centre for Native Education can help you turn out a competent tool. And you don't need an appointment! But if you do decide to tackle this task on your own, here are a couple of tips: check your cv for grammatical mistakes and don't try to be funny unless you are applying to be a stand up comic. The following are actual sentences derived from alleged real resumes as compiled at Monster.ca. You can judge for yourself:

In the grammatical mistakes category:

Suspected to graduate early next year.

Disposed of \$2.5 billion in assets.

Proven ability to track down and correct errors.

Ability to meet deadlines while maintaining composer.

I am a rabid typist.

As indicted, I have over five years of experience analyzing investments.

Am a perfectionist and rarely if ever forget details.

Bad humour:

Title: another resume from the "Profiles in Excellence" series.

Assisted in daily preparation of large quantities of consumable items in a fast-paced setting (translation: worked in a fast-food joint).

I have an excellent track record although I am not a horse (pretty bad huh?).

Trustworthy references available upon request -if I give them a few bucks.

Let's meet so you can "oooh" and "aaah" over my experience.

Income tax season

What does the immediate future hold for you? The dreaded income tax returns! The Centre for Native Education can help you tackle your income tax forms. Our services are free, confidential and

you don't need an appointment. Just make sure you have all the necessary slips on hand. And don't delay! The faster you send your forms in, the faster the refunds.

Jobs, jobs, jobs!

For those of you who don't have time to drop by, here is a sampling of employment offers currently posted at the Centre for Native Education. For more information, please contact the Centre for Native Education or come see for yourself!

External Relations and Communications Officer

Quebec Native Women Inc.

Deadline: March 23, 2001

Employment and Training Coordinator

Quebec Native Women Inc.

Deadline: March 23, 2001

Financial Services Manager

Bank of Montreal

Deadline: ongoing

Correctional Officers, Parole Officers, Nurses and Psychologists

Correctional Services Canada

Deadline: ongoing

Student Support and Resource Person

Georgian College Aboriginal Resource Centre (Barrie, Ontario)

Deadline: March 23, 2001

Sweetgrass and Buffalo Chips

The bouquets and brickbats of the Aboriginal world.

Sweetgrass to the Canadian government for finally including Native peoples in their multicultural ads. In the past, governments and the media, targeting the public with a variety of messages about multiculturalism have consistently failed to ensure adequate representation. A new television ad on employment opportunities for Canada's youth features not one but two Native people including our very own Geronimo Inutiq.

Buffalo Chips to AFN Chief Matthew Coon Come for implying that people who dance have an alcohol problem. Mr. Coon Come was commenting on alcohol and substance abuse problems among our leadership and rightly claimed that until such problems are resolved, Native leaders could not efficiently deal with similar problems within our communities. It should be remembered that First Peoples danced long before the introduction of alcohol and that dancing, in the proper context, is traditionally one of the highest forms of religious expression.

Duck Soup for the Aboriginal Soul

To us the ashes of our ancestors are sacred and their resting-place is hallowed ground. You (the White man) wander far from the graves of your ancestors and seemingly without regret. Your religion was written upon tables of stone by the iron finger of your God so that you could not forget. Our religion is the traditions of our ancestors, the dreams of our old men given them in the solemn hours of night by the Great Spirit, and the visions of our chiefs. Our religion is written in the hearts of our people.

- Chief Seattle, 1786-1866



Are you graduating?

The Centre for Native Education is currently in the process of planning the annual Graduation banquet for all Native graduates. This year, the event will be held at the Delta Centre Ville Hotel on June 9th, 2001. Once again this year, the Graduation banquet is a joint Concordia-McGill affair celebrating the academic achievements of our graduates. The evening includes wining and dining, entertainment, fun and games and of course, dancing the night away. Families, friends and everyone from the Native community is invited to pay tribute to our graduates and have the time of their lives.

Are you graduating? If our numbers hold true, we expect that approximately 40 students will graduate this spring and summer from Concordia and McGill. If you are graduating, or you know someone who is from another university, please contact us. We will be honoured to include in our celebration graduates from other universities, CEGEPs and colleges.

Panel discussion on Native issues

The School of Community and Public Affairs at Concordia University is hosting a panel discussion on the evolution of Native politics in the past decade. Since the Oka Crisis, there has been a lot of discussion and debate as to how to address Native claims to sovereignty, self-government and land rights. The panel will address whether there has been significant change in the last ten years and, in particular, whether Canada is any closer to resolving Native issues.

The panel discussion will take place on March 28 at 6:00 pm. Panelists include Dr. David Newhouse, head of the Native Studies department at Trent University and André Maltais, Québec Liberal negotiator during the Oka Crisis. Everyone is invited to participate.

School of Community and Public Affairs, 2149 Mackay, Montreal. Tel.: 848-2575

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Dates to remember

April 1. Daylight Savings Time begins.

April 4. Last day for instructor-scheduled tests or exams.

April 11. Last day of classes

April 13. Good Friday. University closed

April 16. Easter Monday. University closed

April 17. Exam period begins

First Peoples Studies at Concordia University

The next meeting of the Committee for the Creation of a First Peoples Studies program is scheduled for Thursday, March 29 at 10:00. Guest speaker Dr. David Newhouse, professor at Trent University, will speak on the Native Studies program at his university. Lunch will be served.

Awards and Scholarships

Please call the Centre for Native Education for further information on the following:

Robert Markle Scholarship

For First Nations students enrolled in a visual arts program at a post-secondary institution. Deadline for application: March 31, 2001.

Amount: \$1,200

Sixties Scoop

Native adoptees wanted!

Are you a Native adoptee who grew up in a non-Native home? Thomas Edwards is a Cree student in Design Art who was adopted by a non-Native family at the age of 8 weeks. He is interested in meeting other Native adoptees to share thoughts and experiences. You can contact Thomas at (514) 524-4087 or at morphon@hotmail.com.

Aboriginal Training Program in Museum Practices

The Canadian Museum of Civilization offers an internship in museum practices for First Nations students enrolled in a post-secondary program in the fields of museology, arts or social sciences. Training can be credited towards a post-secondary program. The internship runs from September 5 to April 24, 2002.

Deadline for Application: March 15, 2001

Please contact the Centre for Native Education for more information.

Are you Ojibway?

Eyoahla Baker is a Squamish student who is currently directing a scene from Drew Hayden Taylor's play *Somebody*. She needs some background information on the cultural traditions of the Ojibway. If you are interested in helping out please contact Eyoahla at (514) 382-9248 or eyoalha@hotmail.com

FTAA Protest in Quebec City

Students interested in participating in the protest which will take place on the weekend of April 21 can contact Lisa Uqaituk at qiluqqi_2000@yahoo.com or give your name to Silvana at the Centre for Native Education.

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